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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1244

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend
2 section 71-647, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
3 provide duties for the Department of Health and Human
4 Services Regulation and Licensure relating to prevention
5 of alcohol-related birth defects; and to repeal the
6 original section.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-647, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 71-647 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services
4 Regulation and Licensure shall have and may exercise the following
5 powers and duties:

6 (a) To conduct scientific investigations and surveys of
7 the causes, mortality, methods of prevention, treatment, and cure
8 of birth defects;

9 (b) To publish at least annually the results of such
10 investigations and surveys for the benefit of the public health
11 and to annually collate such publications for distribution to
12 scientific organizations and qualified scientists and physicians;

13 (c) To carry on programs of professional education and
14 training of medical students, physicians, nurses, scientists, and
15 technicians in the causes, methods of prevention, treatment, and
16 cure of birth defects. Such programs shall provide for, but not be
17 limited to, statewide research and education on the prevention of
18 alcohol-related birth defects, shall include but not be limited to
19 provider education and folic acid promotion efforts, and shall be
20 coordinated through and evaluated by the Munroe Meyer Institute for
21 Genetics and Rehabilitation of the University of Nebraska Medical
22 Center;

23 (d) To conduct and support clinical counseling services
24 in medical facilities; and

25 (e) To secure necessary scientific, educational,

1 training, technical, administrative, and operational personnel and
2 services_ including laboratory facilities_ by contract or otherwise
3 from public or private entities in order to carry out the purposes
4 of this section.

5 (2) Any information released from the birth defects
6 registry shall be disclosed as Class I, Class II, Class III, or
7 Class IV data as provided in sections 81-663 to 81-675.

8 Sec. 2. Original section 71-647, Reissue Revised Statutes
9 of Nebraska, is repealed.